

Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland

Status and Information Report

Report No. 17 for 2017



September 22, 2017

To Mayor Thompson and Town Council,

The goal of the Status and Information reports is to share relevant information in a timely fashion. The Status and Information Reports are distributed to the Town's elected officials, residents, and employees. Status and Information Reports are also available to businesses and visitors through the Town website. The reports are published in English and Spanish. The next Status and Information report will be published on October 6, 2017.

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Legislative Meeting	October 2, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Council Work Session	September 25, 2017, 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall

Community

- **Process Clarified- Disabled Parking Spaces in Residential Areas:** If you or someone living in your home has a disability, you may be able to reserve a parking space near your home by contacting the Maryland Vehicle Administration (MVA). You may request an application by calling 410-768-7000 or downloading an application at <http://www.mva.maryland.gov/about-mva/docs/IS-022.pdf>. The MVA Investigation and Security Services (ISS) division will review the completed application and determine whether the request is approved or denied. If your request is approved, you will receive a letter and stickers for up to 2 different vehicles. The Town will be notified by MVA and will install the required signage. For more information, please contact the MVA Investigation and Security Services (ISS) Division at 410-768-7000.

Environment

- **A time to plant:** The Town has received confirmation from Pepco that they will be planting trees this fall to replace those removed in early spring. The decision was made by Pepco to delay the planting of the trees until the fall to improve the survivability of the trees.
- **Town Fall Tree Planting:** The Town is entering our fall tree planting season. Residents who wish to have a tree planted in of front or near their property are asked to contact the Department of Public Works at 301.864.1803. Requests must be received by October 16, 2017.

- Its brighter at the Farmer's Market: The Public Works Department (DPW) has installed additional lighting to assist Farmer's Market vendors and customers during the evening hours. The new lights are all LED, costing a fraction of what the original night lights were.
- Inspection of Town Vehicles: The County's Environmental Health Department requires the Town to have all trucks inspected that visit their landfill annually. Town has successfully completed the inspections and acquired permits for all vehicles for FY 2018.
- Recycling data: Staff are working with Bates to improve the reporting of our trash and recycling data. Look for a new format in the next Status and Information Report. The goal remains to increase recycling and lower the tonnage of trash. The efforts of every resident are greatly appreciated in adding to our shared sustainability.

Community Engagement

- Vision for Housing and Neighborhoods: As Town staff continue working on codes, programs and initiatives related to housing and neighborhoods, it is important to have an updated vision for what housing and neighborhoods throughout the Town are to be. Attached is a draft resolution to establish the Town's vision for housing and neighborhoods. Residents are encouraged to comment and/or recommend edits to this draft document. Please email community_input@riverdaleparkmd.gov or call Jessica Barnes, the Town Clerk, at 301-927-6381.

Please know that the housing and neighborhood vision statement is one of several vision documents. Attached is a chart that illustrates how the housing and neighborhood document will tie into the Town's larger efforts to have a comprehensive vision document. The Town will be soliciting input throughout the entire process. Please share your thoughts.

- Notice of Public Hearing from Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority: The Town received notice that there will be a public hearing on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. regarding Docket B17-03: Proposed Metrobus Service Changes. There will also be an Open House at 5:30 p.m. prior to the public hearing. For more information, visit wmata.com/bus.
- Riverdale Park Day 2017! Planning Committee: Planning for Riverdale Park Day 2017! continues to progress. The Town and the Committee would like to thank **Chambers Funeral Home, Ernie's Lock Company, Geppetto Catering and Riverdale Park Dental** for their sponsorship of this event. Sponsorship packages are still available! For more information, visit the Town's website at www.riverdaleparkmd.gov/info or call Jessica Barnes at 301-927-6381.
- Call for Volunteers: Individual, non-profit and corporate volunteers and sponsors are needed to make this year's event fantastic! Please contact Waverly Pollitt at wpollitt@riverdaleparkmd.gov for more information.

Development

- Upcoming Floodplain Management Workshop: A floodplain management workshop will be held on Wednesday, October 4th at the Forest Heights Municipal Building. Staff from Prince George's County, The Maryland National-Capital Park and Planning Commission, Maryland

Department of the Environment (MDE) and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) are working together to offer this workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to provide an overview of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) including mapping, floodplain management/regulations, insurance, and the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS), a flood insurance discount program. Prince George's County is a Class 5 community in the CRS, so policy holders in all municipalities (with the exception of the City of Laurel) receive up to a 25% discount on their flood insurance because of the County's participation. They also plan to talk about hazard mitigation/risk reduction and the County's stormwater management program.

- **Clean Water Partnership Riverside Pond B Project:** Prince George's County, in alliance with the Clean Water Partnership (CWP), has been working on the planning and design of a water quality improvement project at 4911 River Road. The construction is scheduled to begin in a few weeks and last 12 to 14 weeks. For more information, please visit www.thecleanwaterpartnership.com.
- **Grand Openings:** Several new businesses located in Riverdale Park Station are planning grand openings in the coming weeks. Please join us in welcoming them to our Town!
 - Old Line Bank: Tuesday, September 26th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Xfinity Store: Thursday, October 12th at 3:00 p.m.
- **Notice received by Town:**
 - Stormwater Concept Plan has been submitted to Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement (DPIE) for review for Oak Ridge Apartments located in Riverdale. For more information, contact Project Manager Peter Stone at 410-997-8900 or DPIE at 301-636-2063.
 - Stormwater Management Concept Application (38515-2017) for the Capital Plaza Shopping Center has been submitted to DPIE. For more information, contact Todd Reddan, P.E. at 301-421-4024 or DPIE at 301-883-5710.
 - Stormwater Management Concept Plan Application (44175-2017-00) for Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Sidewalk located to the east side of Baltimore Avenue, south of Albion Road, and to the north of Woodberry Street. For more information, contact Timothy H. Dais at 301-794-7555 or DPIE at 301-883-5710.
- **Upcoming Meetings:** This feature in the Status and Information reports is provided to ensure awareness of upcoming meetings that may have information or agenda items related to development in or near the Town. Below please find links to the agendas for the Board of License Commissioners, the Planning Board and the Historic Preservation Commission. Please visit the links for additional information.

Board of License Commissioners: September 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (Largo)

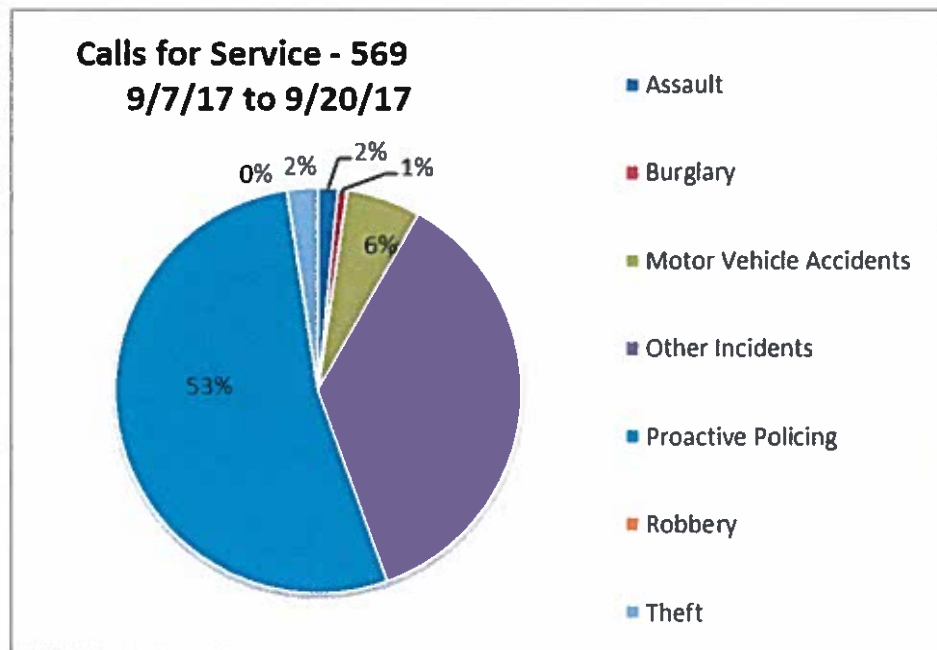
- <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/09262017-942>

Planning Board: September 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. (Upper Marlboro)

- http://mncppc.ig2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=1392

Historic Preservation Commission: At the time of this report no agenda was available.

Police



Calls for Service defined: A call for service is any activity performed by a sworn police officer in the performance of their assigned duties. Calls for service covers both proactive activities such as area checks and traffic enforcement; as well as a portion of field investigative reports, traffic accidents, and response to various incidents. Calls received for dispatch are also included in the calls for service total.

Staff are working to enhance reporting capabilities to more accurately differentiate between proactive police actions and responding to dispatched incidents. The above chart illustrates that at a minimum, 302 or 53% of calls for service were proactive actions on the part of the Town's police officers.

Proactive Policing includes: traffic safety, business and residential checks, field interviews, and quality of life issues.

Other Incidents includes: disorderly complaints, fights, suspicious subjects/vehicles, parking complaints, traffic complaints, and citizen assists.

Highlighted Reports:

Officers responded to the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue and Quintana Street for an assault. The victim reported being assaulted by an unknown suspect. The incident stemmed from a road rage incident.

Officers responded to Crescent Cities for a suspicious person. Upon contacting the individual, a field interview was conducted. A small amount of Adderall was recovered.

Officers responded to a business located in the 5400 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a commercial burglary. The investigation revealed the suspect(s) forced open the rear door and stole laptop computer. RPPD Detectives have identified and arrested two suspects.

Officers observed group of individuals drinking alcohol in the 5400 block of Jefferson Street. Upon contacting the group, one individual provided officers with a fictitious government identification card. A criminal citation was issued and the group was dispersed.

Officers responded to a restaurant in the 6200 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a commercial burglary. The investigation revealed the suspect broke the front window with a crow bar. The suspect entered the business but nothing was stolen. The incident occurred between 0230 and 0630.

Officers responded to the 4700 block of Riverdale Road for a suspicious person walking in the street. Officers located the individual who appeared confused and under the influence of PCP. The individual was transported to the hospital for an emergency evaluation. An arrest warrant was obtained for the suspect after he was found to be in possession of liquid PCP.

Update

Corporal Joseph Walch was awarded by the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association for his efforts in traffic safety. He received the award at the Maryland Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs' Associations' annual awards ceremony in Ocean City, Maryland. Governor Hogan attended the ceremony and personally congratulated all the award winners. Please join us in congratulating Corporal Walch for all his hard work.

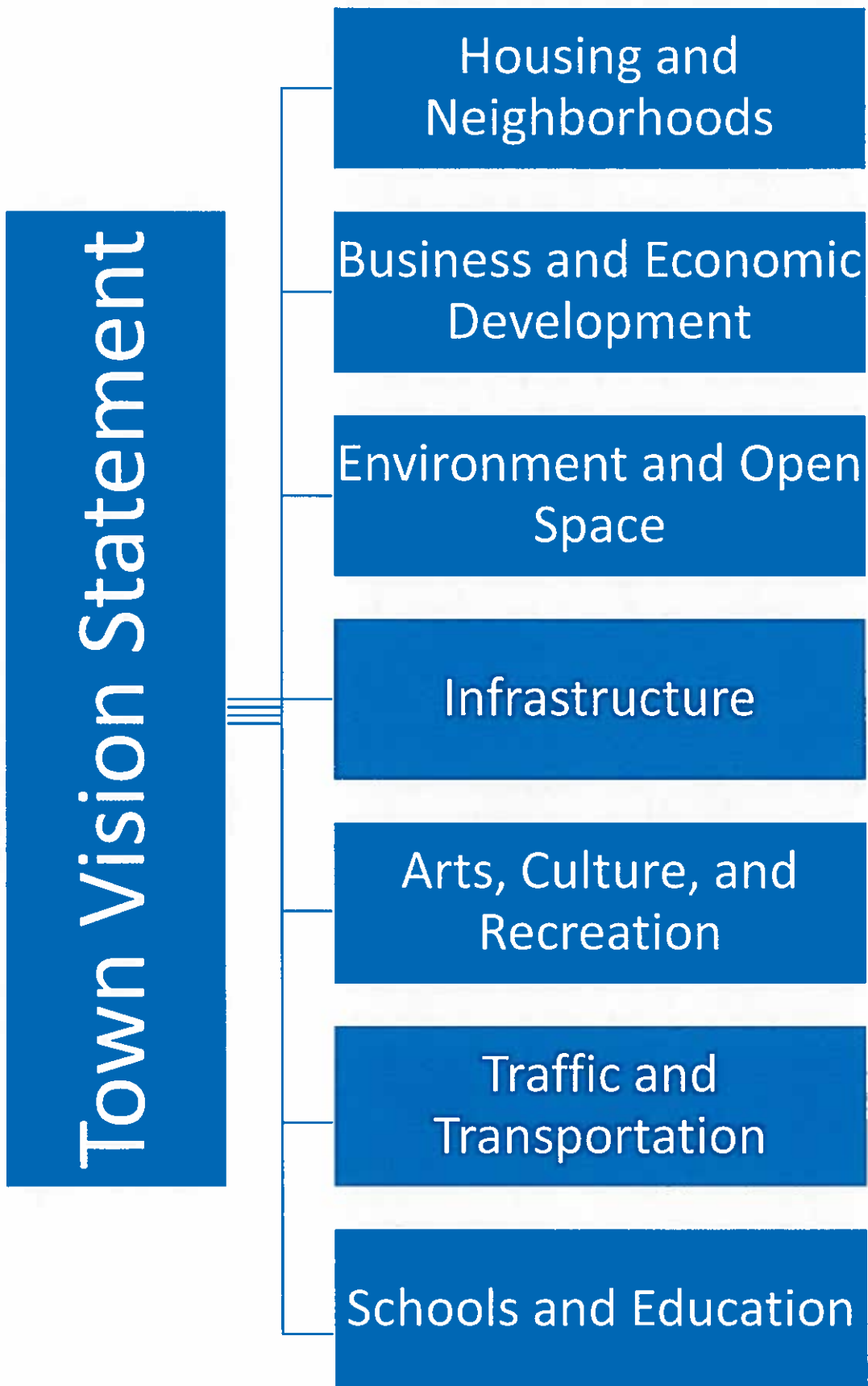
Sergeant Brian Slattery has been chosen to attend the IACP's Leadership in Police Organizations course. The course was awarded at no cost to the RPPD at the recent Maryland Chiefs and Sheriffs' Professional Development Seminar.

CID update: On 09/13/17 at 1430hrs., two suspects were captured on CCTV breaking and entering a residence in the 5400 block of Riverdale Road; a Toshiba laptop computer was stolen. During a surveillance operation, Stephan Epps was arrested for conspiracy to commit burglary. Subsequent to the arrest, additional suspect information was discovered and warrants have been obtained. The case is still under investigation.

Respectfully submitted,



John N. Lestitian
Town Manager



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COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK, MARYLAND

Resolution 2017-R-XXXX

Introduced by:

Date Introduced:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

FOR THE PURPOSE OF establishing the Town of Riverdale Park's vision and commitment for housing and neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Town Council to establish a vision and commitment to support Riverdale Park's housing and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, housing and neighborhoods need to be welcoming, safe, and inclusive; where people feel safe and comfortable, where diversity is a shared and celebrated value, and residents are engaged with the community and their government; and

WHEREAS, housing and neighborhoods need to foster a sense of place, pride and community identity; where assets are recognized and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, housing and neighborhoods need to be clean, well-built, and maintained, free from crime, and where the private and public sector invest; and

WHEREAS, housing and neighborhoods need to be healthy and sustainable; where residents enjoy attractive, walkable and accessible neighborhoods, have access to amenities such as parks and playgrounds, and benefit from positive social interaction; and

WHEREAS, housing and neighborhoods are recognized as the foundation upon which healthy communities are built, and in support thereof the Mayor and Town Council are committed to operations, programs, initiatives, legislation and resources that further establish and nurture housing and neighborhoods throughout the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Riverdale Park do hereby establish this vision and commitment to housing and neighborhoods throughout the Town.

ATTEST:

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
RIVERDALE PARK

Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk

Alan K. Thompson, Mayor

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